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Title : Communications Apparatus and Method

REPLY ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Sir:

The following proposed amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the final Office Action dated November 5, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated May 18, 2010. Because this Reply is being filed within two months of the Notice of Appeal filed on May 4, 2010, no extension fees are due.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.